



City of Concord, New Hampshire

Mayor Jim Bouley

TO: Members of City Council

FROM: Mayor Bouley

DATE: December 1, 2022

RE: Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) Appointment

I propose the appointment of the following individual to the Community Development Advisory Committee for a three-year term that will expire December 31, 2025.

- Kalamoh Donzo, 86 Fisherville Road, Apt 3, Concord. Mr. Donzo's letter of interest is attached. If approved Mr. Donzo will fill one of the General Public vacancies.

In accordance with Section 18 of the City Council Rules, this proposed appointment is being distributed to City Council as information in advance of formal action at the December 12, 2022 City Council meeting. Accordingly, I ask for suspension of the rules so that this nomination may be affirmed at the December 12, 2022 City Council meeting.

August 24, 2022

Dear Honorable Mayor,

My name is Kalamoh Donzo, and I was recommended by Councilor Stacey Brown to become a member of the Community Development Advisory Committee.

My wife, Massa Donzo, and our three sons: Faliku (5), Mohammed (3) and Abdullah (1), moved from West Pike, Pennsylvania approximately four years ago. We were warmly welcomed into this community and found residents have been tremendously helpful as we transitioned in New Hampshire. We live at 86 Fishersville Road, Apt 3 and have had a great experience cultivating friendships with neighbors in our community. We are actively involved with many of the community activities in the neighborhoods such as, soccer, basketball and hiking.

I am a Residential Support Counselor with Easterseals and have a Bachelor Degree in Community Development from Temple University in Pennsylvania, with some experience working on projects during my final year. Massa also works with Easterseals as a Direct Support Counselor and has a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate. She also worked with Merrimack County Nursing Home for some years, including during the outbreak of the pandemic.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to become a part of the Community Development Advisory Committee, as to participate in reviewing neighborhood needs and making recommendations on projects that develop our community positively. I would also like to be a voice for the immigrant and minority communities so to communicate my neighbors' and community's wants and needs. In the same vein, I would appreciate providing this committee with a different lens that assists in diversifying the dynamic of the committee.

Councilor Brown recently alerted me to the possibility of an open position as the Ward 3 representative on the Recreation and Parks Advisory Committee as the current representative is no longer in Ward 3. I would like to be considered for this position also. Through my current pursuit of a secondary degree in Addiction Services at Granite State College, I believe it is important to create opportunities for recreation to prevent youth from being drawn into unhealthy activities. As a father, I want my sons to experience as many different recreational activities as possible. I am looking forward to working with Phil Davis to introduce children to golf through the Diversity and Inclusion program and hope to facilitate more awareness with the immigrant community about recreation activities in Concord.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Kalamoh Donzo

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